



QUEENSLAND RALLY ADVISORY PANEL

Meeting held on Wednesday, 6 April 2016
at 'Sports House, 150 Caxton St, Milton

MINUTES

PRESENT:

	Attended	Apology
Clay Weston (Deputy Chair)	3	0
Shaun Gill	3	0
Peter Marcovich	3	0
Gerard McConkey	3	0
Bob McLean	3	0

APOLOGIES:

Paul Woodward (Chairman)	2	1
Matt Sosimenko	2	1

VISITORS:

Marius Swart

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Queensland Rally Advisory Panel Deputy Chairman, Clay Weston, opened the meeting at 7.31 pm and welcomed Panel members and visitors.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 024 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 2 March 2016 were reviewed.
- 025 Panel noted that QRC 2 Wowan organisers (CQMSC) had not submitted Supplementary Regulations to RAP prior to CAMS approval. Panel noted that CQMSC had submitted Regulations for its Rallysprint Series to RAP and these were reviewed and endorsed by RAP.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- 026 Report on MRF Tyres QRC 1 Manumbar (BSCC)
Panel has received an email from the Championship Sponsor (Vivek Ponnusamy) in which he raises concerns that several commitments had not been met by the event. In particular, not all cars in the QRC displayed the windscreen banner and not all event documentation showed the MRF Tyres logo and Championship title. Some of these problems were caused

by the late arrival of the windscreen banner and little time for them to be fitted to all cars before the start of the event. However, Panel has given an undertaking to Mentor Tyres that full compliance with the marketing commitments will be in place at the 2nd round of the MRF Tyres QRC at Wowan.

- 027 Mr Ponnusamy also raised a complaint that had been made about the conduct of an official at QRC 1 which had the potential to cause Brand damage to the Championship sponsors. Panel has discussed this matter and will brief the Chair about further action. It is noted that the Sponsor has asked that the Official not be involved in an official capacity at other MRF Tyres QRC events.
- 028 Shaun Gill (as the Sponsor' representative and MRF distributor) has also undertaken to discuss the correct use of the Championship Title on social media posts as RAP only has control of its facebook page and the post of organisers.
- 029 Panel has also undertaken to provide a "MRF Tyres Organisers Guide" to all Organisers, setting out their responsibilities and use of promotional material as per the Handbook. This document would also include the priority to be given to MRF Tyres QRC and MRF Tyres Challenge at end of event award ceremonies.
- 030 Following the development of an MRF Tyres QRC vehicle signage diagram, Panel Chair will review the Handbook and make suitable changes to allow the diagram to be added to the Handbook and published. This will occur out of session and be provided to State Council as soon as possible.
- 031 Panel noted that regional CAMS Course Checker Manual training is being planned for the period around the Wowan Rally (May 14) but these dates will be confirmed when CAMS provides the updated training material.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 032 Panel discussed some "user issues" with the MRF Tyres QRC Registration form on the Panel website and it was agreed that improvements be made including an automated receipt of registration email; explanation of multiple event registrations and improve the database to allow editing of multiple registrations and updates provided by registered competitors. Matt Sosimenko to investigate any software needed to this last improvement and arrange purchase as delegated by Panel (</= \$250). Panel Chair to seek approval for funds to be drawn from the Rally Levy Account.
- 033 Panel will contact CAMS Qld Office to arrange for an invoice to be issued for the first payment by Mentor Tyres under the contract.
- 034 Clay Weston demonstrated a new automated spreadsheet to manage scoring of the MRF Tyres QRC for 2016. Panel is reviewing this spreadsheet for accuracy before release on RAP website.
- 035 Panel noted that CAMS is arranging a meeting with Qld TMR to discuss the Rally Vehicle Registration Scheme and some issues identified in the process. Chair of Panel will be invited to this meeting.
- 036 To assist in getting effective post event interviews for social media and RAP website, Panel has agreed that competitors be requested by email to wait in the final parc ferme of each MRF Tyres QRC event for a period of 10 minutes to allow interviews and media activity.

Panel will also request Organisers to include this in the Supplementary Regulations for each event.

037 Bob McLean raised the matter of serious chassis cracking being found during scrutiny of an Excel Rally Car prior to the Jimna Test and Tune event. This cracking has been looked for in other Excels since that event as it was an endemic problem that was the subject of a recall by Hyundai. **Panel requests State Council to endorse an approach by Mr McLean to CAMS Technical in Melbourne to ensure awareness of this potential problem in all Hyundai Excels used in competition.**

038 Panel discussed the confusion experienced by some competitors between the RAP website “Queensland Rallying” and the Facebook page “Queensland Rally Championship” which is administered by a private competitor. This latter website has been supportive of Rallying but some competitors have the impression that it is the official QRC facebook page and go to it for information from the Panel. Panel has resolved to approach the administrator seeking a renaming of the facebook page to remove any confusion.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.56pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 4 May 2016

“I have signed this draft document and believe it is a true and accurate record of the meeting”.

Signed:.....
Clay Weston
Deputy Chairman: Rally Advisory Panel

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